

ARUBA VISITOR'S GUIDE

GUIA PARA EL TURISTA EN ARUBA

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(Aruba Road Map inside)

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Back to the mainstreet (behind Wimco) we find **LA VENEZOLANA**, your best bet for fine men's wear.

We continue our tour in the main street, where the ladies will have the opportunity to have their hairdo a la ultima moda at **MAGGY'S BEAUTY SHOP**. Maggy's carries a large supply of cosmetics — wholesale and retail.

Probably you are now ready for a bite to eat. Walk up the street till you face the Esso station. Around the

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CHINA, BONE	35%
CLOCKS (costing over \$10)	32.5%
LEATHER HANDBAGS	20%
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Not over 1/2 carat	10%
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Above are just a few examples of how low duty is on some of the most popular items tourists buy in our stores. Take cameras, for instance. Suppose you've bought merchandise to your full allowance of \$100 free of duty and you wish to buy a camera retailing for \$120 in Aruba. Your first saving is the fact prices here can average 40% less than in the U.S. Even with duty, you can still buy that camera at a great saving. Official duty on cameras is 15% on the wholesale value. The retail price of \$120 less 40% gives you the wholesale base rate of \$72 for your camera; and 15% duty on \$72 is only \$10.80. Your camera really cost only \$130.30. Your saving is considerable, even with duty. The same camera sells in New York City for \$199.95 (plus 5% city sales tax).

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Aruba has many treasures that are well worth exploring:

The island's greatest attraction is the PALM BEACH and EAGLE BEACH, which are among the world's finest. The pure white sand stretches for several miles along the leeward coast, and slopes gently into the water. There is excellent opportunity for waterskiing, sailing, and swimming.

FISHING has a variety of forms, and any one of the different types offers the enthusiast a challenge. Skin diving and spearfishing are well worth the effort here, as the rocks, reefs and wrecks of some sunken ships abound in fascinating fish. There is also good deep sea fishing.

The capital of Aruba is ORANJESTAD, its architecture is typically Caribbean-Dutch with some Spanish influence, while the colors of the buildings are typically of the Caribbean. Oranjestad's shopping center tempts the tourist with merchandise from all corners of the world. You will find Swiss watches, cameras, perfumes, cashmere sweaters, silk, character dolls, Dutch tile, Delft blue, binoculars, liquors and liqueurs, woollen and other fabrics, precious stones, porcelain miniatures, straw novelties, carved ivory from the Orient, crystal, beaded and petit point bags, Indonesian and Chinese wood carvings, leather goods, gold and silverware, etc. Thanks to the extremely low import duties, the prices are often less than half of what they are in the U.S.A. Store owners also can pass on bargains to visitors because there are no sale or luxury taxes in Aruba.

The SCHOONER HARBOUR of Oranjestad is one of color and excitement; boats from many Caribbean countries are docked all along the quay. Open stalls provide space for the boatmen to display their wares: great stalks of bananas - the little sweet ones or large cooking ones, oranges, vegetables, etc.

A little further along the schooner harbour is the fish market, where you may purchase a large variety of fish. Big ocean liners and passenger-ships can moor and bunker at Oranjestad's harbour.

In the well-kept WILHELMINA PARK, named after the late Queen Wilhelmina of the Netherlands found on the seaside of Oranjestad, there is a beautiful sculptured statue of the Queen Mother, surrounded by bright colorful flowers and plants.

The American colony, SEROE COLORADO, where, most Americans live, is situated at the eastern end of the island.

The climate of Aruba is considered to be one of the finest in the Caribbean. Rainfall is scant, and the days are always cooled by the copious flow of air from the northeast tradewind. Thriving in this dry climate are the strangely shaped DIVI-DIVI TREES, that point forever downwind; the ALOE plant, which is being developed for medicinal purposes; and the cactus, which is used for fences. Arubans cherish flowers, and most homes are surrounded by bright Bougainvillea, Oleanders, Flamboyant, Hybiscus, and other tropical plants.

Aruba's most outstanding landmark is HOOIBERG or "HAYSTACK", and for those interested, there are steps for climbing to the top of this hill.

Attractive hidden coves on the north side of the island offer a perfect setting for picnics. For those who prefer a little surf with their bathing, fairly rough water on this side of the island makes it perfect. Two of the most intriguing and accessible coves are ANDICOURI and DOS PLAYA, where towering rocky arms reach into the sea and the constant dashing of waves presents a varied and awesome backdrop for the pleasant sand beaches of the coves.

A most interesting NATURAL BRIDGE on the north coast, carved out of solid coral rock by the relentless surf, is a startling example of nature's architecture, and a "must" for every visitor.

BOCA DRUIF is an interesting grotto also sculptured by the sea on the island's windward coast near the dunes of PRINS. It offers a breath-taking view of the wild coastline.

The CUNUCU, which in Papiamentu means "country-side" is dotted with brightly colored Aruban houses. Rocks of many different shapes are scattered over the island. Probably the most impressive ones are found at



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Anyone interested in Indian culture will be fascinated by the ancient Indian drawings on the walls and ceilings of the caves of **FORTEIN** and **CANASHITO**, and on the rocks of **ARIKOK** and **AYO**.

The caves of **QUADRIKIRI** and **HULIBA** are challenges for spelunkers.

Children will cherish the white sand dunes of

PRINS and **CALIFORNIA**.

ST. ANNA'S CHURCH has a beautiful hand-carved oak-altar.

THE PIRATE'S CASTLE AT BUSHIRIBANA stands on a cliff on Aruba's windward coast. It is really the ruins of an old gold mill, a relic of Aruba's first industry. Another gold mill is located at **BALASHI**.

SPANISH LAGOON got its name from the buccaners who used to put in to repair their ships in its shelter. It is known for its scenic and peaceful surroundings.

FRENCHMAN'S PASS, where the Indians fought the French to protect the island from foreign invaders, is a breeding place of Aruba's bright and colorful parakeets.

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(Fare fl. 0,30)	To (a) Oranjestad	From (de) Oranjestad
Bus stand for RETURN	7.55 a.m.	7.40 a.m.
located at Tourist	9.50 a.m.	9.35 a.m.
Bureau, Oranjestad.	12.05 p.m.	11.50 a.m.
Parada de buses frente	2.10 p.m.	1.50 p.m.
a la Oficina de Turismo,	4.05 p.m.	3.45 p.m.
Oranjestad.	6.05 p.m.	5.50 p.m.

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About Aruba

THE ISLAND AND THE CLIMATE:

Aruba, first of the ABC islands, is the most western of the Leeward group of the Netherlands Antilles. It lies 15 miles from the Venezuelan coast, 12 degrees, 24 minutes north of the equator. It is 19.6 miles long, six miles in width at its widest point, and contains 70.9 square miles of rocky red hills and magnificent white sand beaches, surrounded by the deep blue Caribbean.

The average yearly temperature is 82 degrees, with the coolest months January and February and the warmest August and September. The air is lively and sparkling because the humidity averages only 76 per cent. Average annual rainfall is less than 20 inches.

THE PEOPLE AND THEIR LANGUAGES:

Aruba is the only Caribbean island on which the Indian population was not exterminated. The Aruban today is a descendant of Indians, with a mixture of Spanish and Dutch blood of the early colonizers. Arubans, those born on the island, number about 36,000. All are citizens of the Netherlands. Over 40 nationalities living peacefully together on the island.

The Leeward islands (Aruba, Bonaire, Curaçao) have a living language of their own — Papiamentu. It is a "lingua franca" that has evolved from Spanish, Portuguese and Dutch with some Indian words. Almost everybody on Aruba speaks Papiamentu, Dutch, Spanish and English.

MONEY:

The currency of Aruba is the Netherlands Antilles Guilder, or Florin, of which the symbol is Fl., or F. The current rate of exchange is Florin 1.85 to the U.S. Dollar or Traveler's Check, and Florin 0.40 to the Bolivar. Many merchants make the rate of exchange even more favorable for tourists by giving a flat 2-for-1 exchange when U.S. dollars are used for purchases.

There are 100 cents to a Guilder. There are silver coins of five, 10 and 25 cents, 1 Guilder and 2½ Guilder, and copper coins of 1 and 2½ cents. The "square nickel" (5 cents) is a popular souvenir. Bills are in denominations of 2½, 5, 10, 25, 50, 100, 250 and 500 Guilders.

WATER SPORTS:

The waters surrounding Aruba are wonderful natural playgrounds. Deep-sea fishing is excellent. The best sport fish in local waters is the Balahu, followed closely by the blue and white marlin.

Skin diving has been popular on Aruba for many years. The waters around the island are exceptionally clear. Underwater visibility of as much as 150 feet is not unusual. As popular as skin diving is waterskiing. Because the Caribbean on the leeward side of Aruba is always calm, it provides a fine course for waterskiers. Instructors will show the beginner the elements of waterskiing and have him zooming across the turquoise waters in no time.

Boats and equipment may be rented at the Aruba Caribbean Hotel. Guides familiar with local waters are available to show visitors the best places for diving, underwater photography or spearfishing. For the more sedentary, there are glass bottom sightseeing boats that cruise over the island's reefs and sunken wrecks.

LOCAL CIVIC CLUBS

LIONS:	Dinner at the Hotel Strand every first and third Wednesday of the month at 8:00 p.m.
KIWANIS:	Dinner at the Hotel Strand every Monday at 7:00 p.m.
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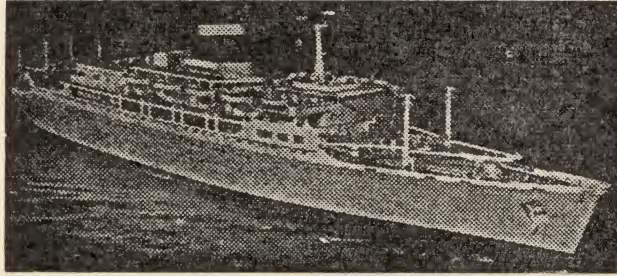
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San Nicolas	5118	5.30	7.00	8.30	5.00	—
Santa Cruz	8110	5.00	6.30	8.00	5.30	—
Savaneta	7025	5.00	7.15	—	5.30	—
Noord	1409	5.30	7.00	8.30	6.00	—
Paradera	1400	5.00	—	8.30	5.30	—
Brasil	1706	—	6.00	8.00	—	7.00
Dakota	2525	6.00	8.00	—	—	7.00

Protestant Church:

Misa Protestante: Oranjestad

Beth Israel Synagogue:

Sinagoga Israelita: Oranjestad

Comm. Church: Serroe Colorado

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Empecemos por visitar a **JOYERIA DE LEO BERLINSKI**, donde él, personalmente o su esposa o una de sus bien entrenadas empleadas nos atenderán con amable solicitud. Aquí se ofrecen joyas de oro con piedras preciosas y semipreciosas; juegos en filigrana o en modernos diseños de platino u oro de 18K.; perlas cultivadas; relojes suizos de bien reputadas marcas, destacándose entre ellos los mundialmente famosos relojes Girard Perregaux. Leo Berlinski tiene en existencia cubiertos en plata pura, platinados o de acero inoxidable; vajillas de fina porcelana y de cerámica; cristalería de Francia, Finlandia, Suecia e Inglaterra, así como figurillas, artículos de madera de teca y preciosas carteras bordadas en petit point o en mostacilla; todos en gran variedad de diseños y a precios adecuados al presupuesto del cliente.

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La Perla del Mar Caribe

Visita Aruba

Frente a Spritzer & Fuhrmann está **JOYERIA Y RELOJERIA RODANIA**. Su dueña nos atenderá personalmente con ese don de gentes que la caracteriza; ella misma, probablemente, nos dirá de las cinco casas de relojería suizas que representa con exclusividad, haciéndonos admirar las joyas auténticas italianas y las fantasías alemanas que exhibe en sus vitrinas; llaman la atención sus joyas de oro macizo y esmeraldas de Colombia.

A dos pasos de Rodania y otro vez en la calle principal nos queda el **PALAIS ORIENTAL**. Todos los esplendores del Oriente se despliegan ante nosotros en esta tienda sin igual. Esculturas de marfil; incrustaciones de madreperla en aromáticas maderas de la India; tallas primitivas de Haití y de Africa; saris y chales de pura seda en los más exquisitos colores, bordados en oro y plata; cofres de madera de alcanfor llegados desde Hong Kong; joyas orientales de las más raras piedras preciosas; perfumes de sándalo, de rosas, de jazmines; todos los aromas del mundo en frasquitos con rótulos de Christian Dior, Jean Patou, Guerlain..... No se olvide de solicitar el famoso reloj suizo "Harpoon".

Un poquitito más adelante y en la misma acera entraremos en **MEN'S SPORTS WEAR CENTER**, que le ofrece lo mejor que puede conseguirse en la isla en artículos para caballeros.

Enfrente nos queda el **SHALIMAR PALACE**. Aquí se ofrecen perfumes, cosméticos de Helena Rubinstein y Lancôme, carteras de noche, calzado de todos los países del globo, trajes para damas llegados desde los E.U., Francia, Italia, Alemania, Dinamarca, Finlandia e Inglaterra.

Para un Chow (comida) chino, visite el **HONG KONG RESTAURANT & BAR**, completamente aire acondicionado. No pida algo corriente, pida un plato extraordinario, diga: Déme un Mu Ku Kai Pán y ejecite su lengua y su paladar.

Si su apetito le pide pastas, dirijase en taxi hasta el **BASI RUTI HOTEL** especializado en platos italianos. Si quiere disfrutar del paisaje marino dirijase al **TROCADERO** y ordene un plato a base de mariscos, que son la especialidad de este restorán.

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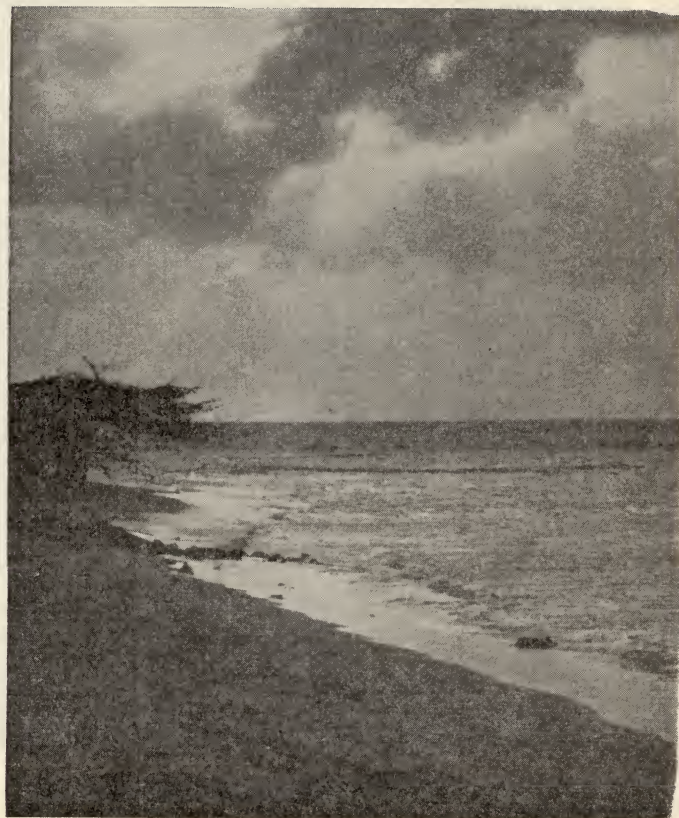
puede hacer. Ellos, sin duda alguna, harán todo lo posible por hacer sus compras más placenteras. Vea su variedad de joyas, cámaras, y artículos ópticos.

Aquí se impone una pequeña reorganización del grupo, ya que los caballeros no querrán perderse una visita a **LA VENEZOLANA**, de reputada fama por sus artículos finos para caballeros.

Las damas, por su parte no quieren perder la oportunidad de visitar al **MAGGY'S BEAUTY SHOP**, salón de belleza donde Maggy no sólo les hará el último modelo en peinado, sino que también les dará su autorizado consejo para la belleza y cuidado de su pelo y de su cara.

Para cerrar con broche de oro nuestra jira de compras les sugiero ahora una visita al famoso Piano Bar del **MANCHEBO BEACH HOTEL**, situado en la hermosa playa blanca.

Llegada la hora de las despedidas sólo me queda decirles: ¡Hasta pronto, amigos! ¡Que hayan disfrutado de nuestra jira de compras!





Conozca a Aruba

Durante su permanencia en Aruba, y a fin de conocer mejor nuestra isla Ud. puede contratar los servicios de un taxi, visitar los puntos de interés en una excursión de turismo o alquilar un automóvil y conducirlo Ud. mismo. Para esto último, Ud. puede adquirir una licencia temporal presentando su licencia válida expedida en su país de origen.

Aruba tiene muchos lugares de interés que son dignos de ser visitados. Entre ellos se encuentran las playas de **PALM BEACH** e **EAGLE BEACH** que pueden contarse entre las más bellas del mundo. La blanca arena se extiende por varias millas a lo largo de la costa y declina suavemente hacia las turquesas aguas del Caribe ofreciendo, en su mansedumbre, una excelente oportunidad para esquiar sobre el agua, navegar y nadar. En el mar que circunda nuestra isla pululan una extensa variedad de peces, haciéndolo propicio para los diferentes tipos de pesca.

La capital de Aruba es **ORANJESTAD**, con una arquitectura típicamente holandesa con alguna influencia española. Los edificios están pintados en los brillantes colores característicos del ámbito del Caribe. Grandes trasatlánticos, cargados de pasajeros y de mercancías atracan regularmente en su puerto. Es excitante pasearse en los días de gran tráfico marítimo por los espaciosos muelles. La imaginación vuela tras los nombres de lejanas tierras impresos en las balas de mercancías. Yokohama, Hong Kong, Italia o Noruega se nos antojan mensajes de amigos lejanos.

Las mercancías traídas de los más distantes rincones del mundo hacen que el centro de Oranjestad constituya una verdadera tentación para el turista. Relojes suizos, cámaras, perfumes, sweters de Cachemira, sedas, azulejos holandeses, loza fina, binoculares, licores, lanas y otros tejidos, piedras preciosas, miniaturas de porcelana, novedades tejidas en paja, esculturas de marfil del Oriente, cristalería, tallados en madera de Indonesia y China, artículos de cuero, vajillas de plata, oro, etc., son artículos que, gracias a los bajos impuestos de importación se pueden comprar aquí a precios muy ventajosos.

Una atracción turística es la caleta de Oranjestad donde están anclados innúmeros barquichuelos procedentes de diversos lugares del Caribe. Allí se encuentra el bullicioso mercado donde en puestos amplios y soleados, despliegan los barqueros sus tentadoras mercancías. Llenos de colorido son los puestos de frutas, legumbres, y hortalizas. En este mercado al aire libre los compradores son tan pintorescos como las frutas que allí se venden. Los oídos

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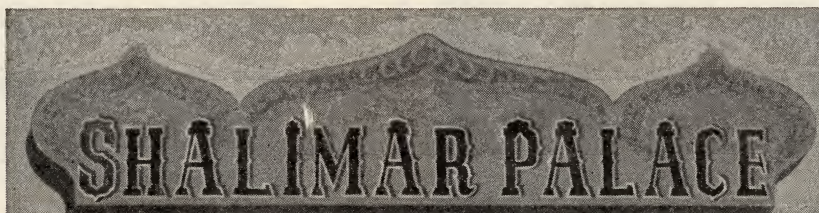
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El clima de Aruba está considerado entre los mejores del Caribe. La lluvia es escasa y los días son frescos por el continuo fluir de los vientos Alisios. En este clima seco medra el **DIVI DIVI**, un árbol que, azotado por el continuo batir del viento crece en las más extrañas formas, siguiendo siempre la dirección del viento. Para fines industriales se cultiva el áloe, planta liliácea de la cual se extrae un jugo muy amargo usado en medicina. En el campo crecen los cactus; las casas típicas arubanas tienen una pintoresca cerca de cactus. A los arubanos les encantan las flores y se esmeran en cultivarlas. La mayoría de los hogares están rodeados de buganvillas, adelfas, flamboyanes e hibiscos.

Un distintivo del paisaje arubano es el **HOOIBERG** (Colina Almiar); para el que desee escalarla hay una escalera que conduce hasta la misma cima.

Al norte de la isla hay bien abrigadas ensenadas que ofrecen sitios ideales para excursiones campestres. Para aquellos a quienes les gusta nadar en un fuerte oleaje este lado de la isla es perfecto. Dos de las más curiosas ensenadas son **ANDICURI** y **DOS PLAYAS**; peñascos imponentes se internan en el mar desafiando el embate de las olas que van a estrellarse contra ellos con estentóreo ruido, formando así un violento contraste con las apacibles arenas de la ensenada.

Sumamente interesante es el **PUENTE NATURAL** obra arquitectónica de la naturaleza, socavada en la dura roca por la incesante embestida del mar; no deje de visitarlo así como también a **BOCA DRUIF**, que es una gruta junto a las dunas de **BOCA PRINS**.

El **CUNUCU**, que quiere decir campo en papiamento, está punteado por casitas de vivos colores y por impre-

sionantes formaciones rocosas. Las más imponentes se encuentran en **AYO** y **CASIBARI** donde la naturaleza acumuló una sobre otra tremendas masas de granito de miles de toneladas de peso. En **AYO** Ud. puede explorarlas internándose por intrincados laberintos. En **CASIBARI** está la **BOCA DEL DRAGON**, que es una curiosa formación, favorita de los fotógrafos.

Los que estén interesados en la cultura autóctona, encontrarán antiguos dibujos indígenas en las paredes de las cavernas de **FONTEIN** y de **CANASHITO**, y en las rocas de **ARIKOK** y **AYO**.

Los espeleólogos hallarán un reto en las grutas de **QUADARIKIRI** y **HULIBA**.

Otro sitio de interés es la iglesia y el cementerio de **SANTA ANA**. La iglesia tiene un magnífico y centenario altar gótico de roble, tallado a mano.

También el **CASTILLO DE LOS PIRATAS** en **BUSHIRIBANA**, montado sobre un promontorio, frente a la costa de barlovento. Las ruinas de este "castillo" son en realidad las ruinas de una vieja mina de oro, reliquia de lo que fuera la primera industria de Aruba. En **BALASHI** están las ruinas de otra mina de oro.

La **LAGUNA ESPAÑOLA** recibió ese nombre por que allí reparaban sus buques los bucaneros españoles. El sitio es conocido hoy por su hermoso y apacible panorama.

En el **FRENCHMAN'S PASS** o sea **PASO DEL FRANCES** fué donde, según la leyenda, los indios pelearon contra los franceses para defender la isla de los invasores extranjeros. Actualmente es predio de bullangueros periquitos arubanos.

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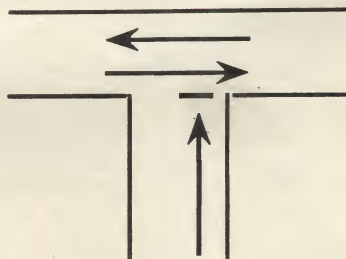

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En Aruba casi todas las señales de tráfico diferencian con las de costumbre. Aunque la mayoría sean inspiraciones propias. Las señales de mayor importancia para su seguridad propia, están sumadas aquí abajo.



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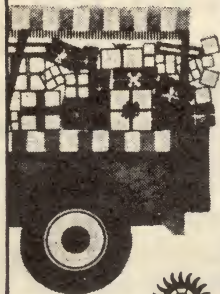
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